

TOWN OF LANESBOROUGH SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
Submitted by Diane Stevens, Town Secretary  
August 25, 2014

Present: Mr. John Goerlach, Chairman  
Mr. Robert Ericson  
Mr. Henry Sayers (Not Present)  
Mr. Paul Sieloff, Town Administrator

Warrants: Warrants Signed

The meeting was opened by Mr. Goerlach at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Paul Sieloff spoke about the Town's upcoming 250-year Anniversary in 2015. Betsy Bean and Shirley Zurrin came before the Board with tote bags commemorating the Town's Anniversary. The bags will be sold for \$7 and the proceeds will be used to purchase a new flag, flag pole and lights to illuminate the flag and to restore benches at Memorial Park. The tote bags will be available for sale at the Town Library. Paul Sieloff stated that citizens interested in purchasing these totes can contact the Town Hall. John Goerlach stated that Highway Department can work on painting the flag pole.

Announcement of Committee Vacancies: Sewer Commission, Cable Committee, and Energy Committee

Paul Sieloff spoke of the number of vacancies on Town Committees and stated that anyone who is interested can contact Town Hall.

Permit(s), Contract(s), Use of Town Property and Appointment(s)

**Tyler Foundation - Pain in the Mass Cycling Event**

Application for Permit to Use Town-Owned Property filed by The Tyler Foundation for The Pain in the Mass cycling tour.

Motion 14-155. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve application, seconded by John Goerlach. Unanimously voted. [#1]

**The Berkshires to Boston Bicycle Tour**

Application for Permit to Use Town-Owned Property filed relative to The Berkshires to Boston Bicycle Tour. Motion 14-156. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve application, seconded by John Goerlach. Unanimously voted. [#2]

**Hoosac Valley Motorcycle Club Event**

Application for Permit to Use Town-Owned Property filed by The Hoosac Valley Motorcycle Club. Jonathan Choquette came before the Board to ask for approval of the permit. Mr. Choquette also asked for permission to hold two separate events instead of just the one listed on the original application. The first would be on

September 20<sup>th</sup> and the second on October 19<sup>th</sup>. John Goerlach stated that Henry Sayers had some concerns that he felt needed to be addressed. Lanesborough Fire Chief Charles Durfee asked Mr. Choquette which ambulance service the club would be using for the events. Mr. Choquette said they would use Village Ambulance. John Goerlach spoke of having flaggers throughout the course for safety. Mr. Choquette stated they would have proper personnel there in case of emergencies. Mr. Goerlach spoke to Mr. Choquette about the need to notify the Board of Health with respect to any food vendors for the event. Mr. Choquette said that vendors will come to the Town for proper permits. Mr. Goerlach also wanted to make sure that the proper amount of sanitary facilities were on site and that no alcoholic beverages will be sold at the event. Mr. Choquette stated that all participants had to sign a waiver before going on site for liability insurance. Motion 14-157. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve the application with conditions stated, seconded by John Goerlach. Unanimously voted. [#3]

#### **National Multiple Sclerosis Society Hike and Bike MS Ride**

Application for Permit to Use Town-Owned Property filed by The National Multiple Sclerosis Society for the Annual Bike and Hike the Berkshires Bike Ride. Motion 14-158. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve application, seconded by John Goerlach. Unanimously voted. [#4]

#### Senior Citizen Tax Rebate Program - Richard Ashkar (recycling)

Paul Sieloff stated these appointments will now be placed on the agenda to be approved by the Board. Motion 14-159. Motion made by Robert Ericson to appoint Richard Ashkar to the Senior Citizen Tax Rebate Program, seconded by John Goerlach. Unanimously voted. [#5]

#### DPW Director - William Decelles

Paul Sieloff asked the Board to formally approve the appointment of William Decelles as Department of Public Works Director for a one year term. Motion 14-160. Motion made by Robert Ericson, seconded by John Goerlach. Unanimously voted.

#### Board of Library Trustees - Anne Pasko

Kathy Adams of the Lanesborough Public Library submitted a request to the Board to appoint Anne Pasko to the Board of Library Trustees. Ms. Pasko could not attend and Paul Sieloff asked the Board to approve the appointment without her present. Motion 14-161. Motion made by Robert Ericson to appoint Anne Pasko to the Board of Library Trustees, seconded by John Goerlach. Unanimously voted. [#6]

CAI Technologies GIS Internet Services Contract

Paul Sieloff presented the Board with a contract to CAI Technologies for professional services in the Assessors office. Motion 14-162. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve contract with CAI Technologies, seconded by John Goerlach. Unanimously voted. [#7]

Appointment of Five (5) Voting Members Bylaw Committee to Finish Dock Bylaw Project with Town Counsel: Robert Barton (Chair), Lee Hauge, George Nardin, Linda Overbaugh and Jack Hickey

Paul Sieloff asked the Board to appoint a five member committee which will address the issues relating to docks. Paul Sieloff stated that Mr. Barton had suggested bringing this smaller group together to finish up the project to submit to Town Counsel. Ron Tinkham asked to be appointed as well. Robert Ericson stated that if the Town added Mr. Tinkham as a voting member there would be a possibility of a tie in a vote. John Goerlach asked Mr. Tinkham if he would be an alternate. Motion 14-163. Motion made by Robert Ericson to appoint Robert Barton, Lee Hauge, George Nardin, Linda Overbaugh and Jack Hickey with Ron Tinkham as an alternate to a 5 member bylaw committee, seconded by John Goerlach. Unanimously voted. [#8]

Bulky Waste Collection date - September 20<sup>th</sup> or October 18<sup>th</sup>

The Board agreed to a date of September 20, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in which to have a Bulky Waste Collection at the Highway Department. Motion 14-164. Motion made by Robert Ericson to hold a Bulky Waste Collection at the Town Highway Department on September 20, 2014, seconded by John Goerlach. Unanimously voted.

Special Municipal Employee Financial Interest Form Approval

Paul Sieloff presented the Board with an application relative to Henry Sayers' business and his affiliation with the Town as a Selectman, specifically in regards to scrap metal removal and towing services. Town Counsel stated that the form needed to be completed and approved by the other members of the Board. Motion 14-165. Motion made by Robert Ericson to accept the Disclosure by Special Municipal Employee Henry Sayers of Financial Interest in a Municipal Contract as Required by G.L. c. 268A, §20(d), seconded by John Goerlach. Unanimously voted. Mr. Sieloff stated that the approved Disclosure will be filed with the Town Clerk. [#9]

Other business which could not have been reasonably foreseen within 48 hours of the meeting.

None.

#### Selectmen's Items

Robert Ericson stated that the Energy Committee has been meeting regularly. They have asked to be put on the upcoming school committee meeting and they are composing a list of everything the Town could do to be more efficient and save money. Mr. Ericson stated that the Energy Committee was also working on submitting the grant paperwork to hire the consultant that was spoken of at the last meeting. John Goerlach asked if the grant could be used towards air conditioning units at Town Hall as they need to be updated. Mr. Sieloff said that he would check to see when the last time the a/c units were serviced. Mr. Ericson stated that this grant could not be used for that purpose but that other grants may be available for that type of project. Mr. Ericson stated that the Town would save money by switching the Police Department from oil to gas when the furnace is replaced. Mr. Goerlach asked that the Energy Committee formally seek the cost from Berkshire Gas of extending their services to the center of Town for hook up to natural gas as a cost saving measure. Mr. Goerlach asked about the roofing project. Mr. Sieloff stated that the work would probably commence within the next couple of weeks. Mr. Goerlach also asked about the Putnam Road project. Mr. Sieloff stated that progress has been made and a new culvert is in place and that everything is on schedule. Mr. Sieloff anticipated that the work will be completed by the middle of September.

#### Town Administrator Report

Paul Sieloff stated that the gas pump project is progressing. Three quotes have been received and he is looking into a wireless connection to the accounting office to make it more efficient by eliminating paperwork having to be brought to the Town Hall. The Police Commission met last week and interviewed two potential part-time candidates and will be presenting a memo to the Board at the next meeting. Mr. Sieloff spoke about the amount of money the Town has been spending on drainage issues throughout the Town. Mr. Sieloff would like to address it in the next budget to rectify these problems. Mr. Sieloff spoke of the possibility of hiring a part time person for a couple months a year to specifically work on these drainage projects. Mr. Sieloff stated he would look into possible grants and/or other resources to fix these issues permanently so that additional monies would not have to be spent. Mr. Goerlach asked Mr. Sieloff about fixing/maintaining guardrails throughout the Town, specifically on Old Cheshire Road. Mr. Sieloff stated that Department of Public Works Director, William Decelles has been maintaining and/or replacing these as he can when resources are available. Paul Sieloff stated that he would check into it to find out the status of this project.

### Approve Minutes

The Board decided to postpone the approval of the August 11, 2014 Minutes until the next meeting.

### Adjournment

Motion made by Robert Ericson to adjourn, seconded by John Goerlach. Unanimously voted. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

### **Footnotes:**

- [#1] Application for Permit to Use Town Owned Property – Pain in the Mass Cycling Event
- [#2] Application for Permit to Use Town Owned Property – The Berkshires to Boston Bicycle Tour
- [#3] Application for Permit to Use Town Owned Property – Hoosac Valley Motorcycle Club
- [#4] Application for Permit to Use Town Owned Property – National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- [#5] Senior Citizen Tax Rebate Program – Richard Ashkar
- [#6] Lanesborough Citizen Interest Form for Board of Library Trustees – Anne Pasko
- [#7] CAI Technologies GIS Internet Services Contract
- [#8] Appointment of Dock Bylaw Committee
- [#9] Disclosure by Special Municipal Employee of Financial Interest in a Municipal Contract as Required by G.L. c. 268A, §20(d)